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Honorable Leo A. Hoegh, Director
Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoegh:

Thank you very much for your letter of
20 November inviting me to speak at the second
Conference of the National Defense Executive
Reserve on 23 May.

Much as I would like to attend, I sincerely
regret that I am unable to accept your kind
invitation as I have a long-standing commitment
to speak before the National Security Forum at
the Maxwell Air Force Base on that date. How-
ever, I appreciate your thoughtfulness in asking
me to join you on this particular occasion and
I would like to take this opportunity to wish
you every success in your Conference.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

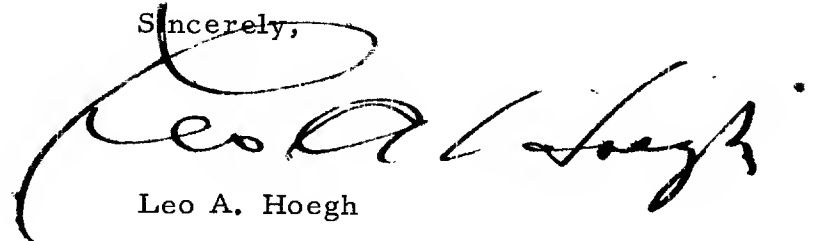
We are presently planning a second Conference of the National Defense Executive Reserve to be held at the Sheraton Park Hotel on May 23 and 24, 1960. The first conference of this group, as you may recall, was held in Washington, D. C., in November 1957.

The Executive Reserve is presently composed of approximately 1900 executives from all parts of the United States recruited from industry, education, the professions, and labor and is expected to increase several hundred by May 1960. These executives will man top positions in Government in the event of a national emergency.

The theme of the afternoon session on May 23 will be "The changing international picture and the responsibilities of our Government, with particular reference to Executive Reservists in a continuing period of international tension, without an emergency on the home front." I will appreciate it very much if you will agree to speak to this group on the afternoon of May 23 on the subject "U. S. and Soviet Co-Existence - 1960." The time tentatively allotted for this portion of the program is from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

I know of your keen interest in the National Defense Executive Reserve program, and I feel that if you are able to be present with us and speak to this group, it will help make our second National Conference a success.

Sincerely,



Leo A. Hoegh